

WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 23rd 1996 7:30 p.m.

Those present: Keith James, Joey Leko, Shaun Pearson, Jim Mayer, Alan Mayer, Larry Maycock, Lee Sim, John Larsen, Gertrudys Adkins and Kerry Carpenter. The meeting was held at the home of Joey Leko.

Lee Sim said that all the water users had paid their assessments except one and that they would be taking action within the week.

Jim Mayer asked if the Association had any of the reserve left. Lee Sim answered that there was about \$2,000.

Keith James asked what was the States plan for this year. Lee replied that they are going to finish the maps. John Larsen said that the maps were 75% completed. Once the map is complete, the state will be ready to have the flight and aerial shot taken. The state will know by the middle of May who and when the flight will take place. They will take John's fence line report and over lay it with the aerial photo to know those users that are over pumping their acreage.

Lee Sim stated that they will focus on the three or four highest over users for this year. The Attorney General will support them in this and they will shut them down this year.

Jim Mayer said that as a water user he has been waiting for a letter from the state stating the results of the revote. Lee Sim apologized and said that they would get a letter out to each of the water users.

Joey Leko said he had two questions that Gary Sullivan requested he ask since he was unable to attend this meeting. The first question was what is the state going to do about the east side of the District coming into compliance with the water use laws. Lee Sim replied that the committee could write a letter requesting Robert Morgan meet with the Water Board to address this issue. Larry Maycock stated that they are part of our system and should be the next priority. The committee agreed to write a letter immediately to Robert.

Gary Sullivan's second question was dealing with the report and when it is complete would each water users receive a copy. The answer was no but anyone is welcome to view the report at Kerry Carpenters office in Cedar City.

Keith James wanted to know what time and labor would the Water Commissioner be looking at for the up coming year. The response was that there would be the 13 mile drive 2 or 3 times to check Circle Four's meters. There would be the checking of the soil moisture readings on the 4 or 5 farms that are the grossest over users. They are not sure what pito tubes would also be involved. Keith stated that he would like to see Larry stay on as he feels he is valuable to us. The fixed costs were then discussed. Keith proposed to set the commissioners salary at \$4,200.00 for the start of the year and at the end of the summer check to see if it was fair. Joey seconded the motion. Motion passed. The motion was then offered to Larry Maycock. He said he would think

~~WAT~~ about it for a couple of days and get back to Keith with his decision.

Jim Mayer asked if any member or members of the Water User Board could be sued by a disgruntled water user. The board needs to know if the State has insurance that would cover the board members or if they need to provide one with the reserve funds from the assessments. Lee said he would check into this .

At 9:30 p.m. all were excused save board members as they stayed to draft the letter to Robert Morgan. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.